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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Landlords And Tenants

LET it be readily admitted that the acting Colonial Secretary's speech delivered yesterday to Legislative Council defending Government's proposals to permit further increases in standard rents was plausible, persuasive and soothing. Parts of it were even convincing.

Whatever the public reaction, it is obvious that Government is firmly determined to obtain approval of the new legislation because it is convinced there is a "clear case for further increases now, over two years after the last increases were authorised." Nevertheless large sections of the community will continue to question the wisdom of and justification for the decision.

Referring to Press comment, Mr Burgess declared that many of the arguments have appeared before "like a crop of indigestible mushrooms after a particularly dark night." The same might be said of the arguments advanced by the landlords, especially the heart-rending one that returns from rents (notably of tenement houses) make it impossible for property owners to maintain their buildings in a good state of repair. A little tear was also shed over depreciation of the value of money since the war. Tenants could speak with plenty of feeling on that subject.

AMONG other things Government argues that further increases at this time are justified because the impact on tenement dwellers will be slight (expected average \$11 a month) and also because everything points to the Colony's economy being able to bear the increases. True \$11 a month does not suggest a heavy burden, but how many more \$11 a month are going to be imposed?

Mr Burgess uttered a thoroughly disconcerting warning. He said that it is clear, as regards controlled rents of the lower grades of domestic premises, further increase beyond those now proposed will be necessary at some future date. They, it is to be observed, will be for the purpose of bringing rents to a "reasonable level." Reasonable for whom?

TENANTS of that particular type of property surely are entitled to know whether their rents are going to be held at an economic level. At what point also in the increase still to come will owners of lower grade domestic premises begin to feel capable of keeping the property in a state of repair? The landlords can't have it all ways. If, in due course, standard rents are advanced by 300 per cent, are landlords going to be permitted to continue to neglect their property?

In his speech Mr Burgess very rightly acknowledged there were good and bad landlords. Under the new legislation both are to derive equal benefits. And if, as promised, there will be additional increases after next April to lower grade domestic premises, then property owners who are thoroughly indifferent to their responsibilities will make further gains at the expense of the helpless tenant.

It should not be Government's function to protect such landlords. They possess no fair claim to it. The tenant who finds his rent rising steadily and still has to live in dilapidated premises because the owner refuses to carry out any maintenance work is the person who needs Government's protection. Government's desire to be fair to all is appreciated, but unless a close watch is kept, outright exploitation of tenants by unscrupulous landlords may be one result of that policy.



Sir Anthony Eden Speaks To The World On The Canal Seizure
'WE CANNOT ACCEPT PLUNDER'

PRIME MINISTER'S STRONG ATTACK ON NASSER
TROOP MOVES EXPLAINED

London, Aug. 8.

Sir Anthony Eden said tonight Britain could not allow Colonel Nasser's "act of plunder" in seizing the Suez Canal.

The Prime Minister, in a nation-wide radio and television broadcast, said: "If Colonel Nasser's action were to succeed each one of us would be at the mercy of one man for the supplies upon which we live. We could never accept that."

But Britain did not seek a solution by force, but by the broadest possible international agreement, he added.

He was confident the conference in London on August 16 — to which 19 countries had accepted an invitation and none had so far refused — could produce a workable scheme for the future of the canal.

Sir Anthony Eden, grave and deliberate, said: "Our quarrel is not with Egypt and still less with the Arab world. It is with Colonel Nasser."

The Egyptian President, he said, had shown he is not a man to be trusted to keep an agreement and now he has torn up all his country's promises towards the Suez Canal Company "and he has even gone back on his own statement not so long ago."

The Prime Minister reaffirmed the British Government's declaration that the Canal could not be run in the interest of only one country. And again urged the need for an international body.

A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

"That is our purpose," he declared.

Britain had too much at risk not to take precautions. That was the meaning of recent movements by land, sea and air.

Nationalisation of the canal was a matter of life and death for the country, the Prime Minister added.

Sir Anthony Eden said that instead of meeting Britain with friendship, Colonel Nasser had conducted "a vicious propaganda campaign against this country. He has shown he is not the man to keep an agreement."

"By Egyptian law, the company's employees are ordered to stay at work under threat of imprisonment. The pattern is familiar to many of us," the Prime Minister added.

"We all know this is how Fascist Governments behave and we all remember only too well what the cost can be in giving in to Fascism."—Reuter.

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SHINWELL TO MARRY AGAIN



Mr Shinwell

London, Aug. 9. Mr Emanuel Shinwell, 71, a prominent Labour Member of Parliament and a former War Minister, is to be married today at a London register office, it was learned.

His bride will be Miss Dinah Meyer, aged 64, of London, who works in a City bank. She is of Danish descent and has been in England for 20 years.

Mr Shinwell's first wife, Mrs Fay Shinwell, died in 1954. They had been married 52 years.

Mr Shinwell, who will be 72 in October, was first elected to Parliament in 1922 and served in post-war Labour governments as Minister of Fuel and Power, War Minister and Minister of Defence. He is a member of the National Executive of the Labour Party. —China Mail Special.

3 Children Killed

Ravenna, Aug. 8. Three children were killed and two women seriously injured when the children accidentally set off an anti-tank mine they found on the bank of a river near here, police reported last night. —Reuter.

AIR CRASH: 17 DIE

Rangoon, Aug. 8. Seventeen passengers and a crew of four were killed today when a Dakota, belonging to the Union of Burma Airways, crashed near Mandalay. The aircraft was on a flight from Rangoon to Mandalay when it crashed. Three Americans and a Burmese Colonel were among the victims, but the names and the cause of the crash are as yet unknown. —France-Press.

264 MINERS TRAPPED BY BIG FIRE

Brussels, Aug. 8.

A wall of flame from a short-circuited power cable trapped almost 300 coal miners half a mile underground today and officials said there was little hope for their survival.

Only 32 escaped in the first 18 hours after a runaway coal car severed the powerline. Seven were known dead and police reported 264 still trapped. All the dead were victims of carbon monoxide poisoning. King Baudouin and the Prime Minister, Mr Achille van Acker, a former miner, rushed to the scene on hearing the news.

Sobbing Relatives

News of the fire brought ambulances, fire trucks and a crowd of anxious onlookers and sobbing relatives of the miners. The fire, believed to have been caused by a short circuit in an electric cable, broke out in the 765-metre level. It quickly melted the cables used to hoist the miners to the surface and thus cut off all men below that level.

The trapped men included 115 Belgians, 139 Italians and 14 men of various nationalities. Rescuers working down the shafts have reached the 170 metres level. Others were hacking their way through a six-foot concrete wall of the 765 metre level, which would allow them to work farther down into the mine.

'Heard Yelling'

Of the 25 men who escaped alive, only seven were in danger. The others were working on a new section of the mine and gave the alarm when the fire broke out. One of the seven, M. Barbier, said "I was at the 1,000 metre level when I smelled smoke and heard all the yelling. I and my six comrades took the mine cage and hoisted ourselves to the surface. It was the only trip. The cables melted 15 minutes later."

The latest reports said the fire was under control but still burning. There was still the danger of asphyxiation for the trapped men. —United Press and France-Press.

FIVE KILLED IN RIOTS

Bombay, Aug. 8.

Five people were killed today and 51 injured in violent rioting at Alambad, India's leading textile city, 200 miles north of Bombay.

Twelve policemen were injured by stone-throwing demonstrators, who charged about the city, setting fire to a police van and an official's car. The police retaliated with tear gas and opened fire on the crowds.

The riots were in protest against the Indian Government's latest decision to create an enlarged bilingual Bombay state. —France-Press.

'MIRACLE' FABRIC

Manchester, Aug. 8.

A British firm claimed today to have produced two new cotton fabrics which will stay crease-resistant in the most humid tropical climate.

Mr Roland Thomas, merchandising director of the firm, said: "We have produced something to revolutionise what men wear in hot countries." The new fabrics are already being marketed in the Far East. —Reuter.

Pleasure Boat Hits Bridge

New York, Aug. 8.

Panic broke out today when a tourist excursion boat, crowded with 195 sightseers, rammed a bridge while cruising around Manhattan Island.

The police said at least 33 people were injured, none seriously. Among those taken to hospital was a man who suffered a heart attack in the excitement. All the injured were New York residents.

Many others were shaken and refused treatment or were treated at the scene.

The 70-year-old captain, John Milepich, was credited with keeping injuries to a minimum by ordering passengers to "hit the deck" moments before his ship crashed into a girder under the Madison Avenue Bridge across the Harlem River.

Most of the passengers quickly obeyed. They gasped or screamed as the roof of the top deck crumpled under the bridge. Then they began milling about the ship and screaming. Most rushed to the rear of the vessel and some said they feared it would be swamped.

Some passengers grabbed life preservers and put them on, but the captain manoeuvred the vessel to the opposite shore and tied up with the aid of four boys who had been diving for coins thrown overboard by sightseers. —United Press.

HK-BOUND TROOPER RETURNS TO ENGLAND

London, Aug. 8.

The British troopship "Dunera" urgently recalled to Britain after two weeks at sea on the way to Hong Kong by way of the Suez Canal, arrived tonight in Portsmouth.

On board were 600 Army and Royal Air Force men who had earlier been ordered to Hong Kong. They were disembarked tonight.

The Dunera is to leave Portsmouth again on Sunday for the Mediterranean after taking on board a light anti-aircraft regiment. —France-Press.

AMERICANS SAY:

Speech Was 'Very Reasonable'

Washington, Aug. 8. Officials here tonight described as "very reasonable" the broadcast by the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, to the British people on the Suez Canal crisis.

The speech was broadcast live on some United States radio stations.

Officials appeared to be particularly interested and pleased by Sir Anthony's statement that "we do not seek a solution, by force, but by the broadest possible international agreement."

The same point had been made by President Eisenhower at his Press conference earlier in the day when he said he hoped that the Suez dispute would be "settled by peaceful means."

Shortly before President Eisenhower spoke the Foreign Office had also said it was Britain's intention that the dispute should be settled by peaceful means.

The President defined the Western efforts as being to "try to substitute the conference table for the battle field." —China Mail Special.

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The water levels of the Colony's reservoirs have been rising steadily as a result of heavy rain during the last few days. The reservoirs now hold 4,353 million gallons — 73 per cent of full capacity.

The Water Authority announces that the intake from streams and catchment areas for the 24 hours to 8 a.m. today was 748 million gallons.

Consumption yesterday amounted to 32 million gallons.

Rainfall registered by the Water Authority at Tytam was 3.76 inches, at Aberdeen 2.90 inches, at Pokfulam 2.50 inches and 4.72 inches at Shing Mun, in the New Territories.

CYPRIOIS HANGED

Nicosia, Aug. 8. Three Greek Cypriots were executed today for acts of terrorism on Cyprus.

The hangings were carried out on schedule at dawn today. Earlier Greece had asked Britain to stop the execution. —United Press and Reuter.

Nicosia Gangs Beat Up American

Nicosia, Aug. 3. An American consular official was beaten up by a crowd of anti-British youths here today.

First reports said the official, identified as Paul Springer,

LONDON TALKS

Russia To Accept Invitation

Moscow, Aug. 8.

The Soviet Government will accept the invitation to attend the London Suez Canal conference on August 16 but with reservations concerning the list of invited countries, diplomatic sources indicated today.

It is understood that the Russian reply to the invitation would be given within two days.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Dimitri Shepilov, told correspondents in Moscow today that the Soviet Union was "calmly studying and evaluating all factors which will make it possible to define the Soviet position on the Suez Canal crisis."

NEVER OFFERED

Mr Shepilov said the Soviet position would be taken with consideration "for our principles, which are based on a sympathetic attitude towards the struggle for peace, independence and the sovereignty of nations."

Mr Shepilov denied that the Soviet Government ever offered to finance the Aswan dam. He refused to answer when asked if the Soviet Government would now favourably consider such a request from Egypt.

The Soviet Foreign Minister said: "So far we have not received any request for aid for the Aswan dam at least not recently." —France-Press.

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Joan Meets Children



Hollywood's Joan Crawford and her husband, US soft drink manufacturer Alfred Bloche, greet Joan's adopted twins, Cathy, left, and Cynthia, who arrived with stepbrother and sister Christine, 17, and Christopher, 12, also adopted, at Paddington Station, London, on Thursday. The children had been aboard the liner Ile de France when it rescued survivors from the sinking Italian ship Andrea Doria. They arrived without luggage, having handed all their possessions over to survivors—clothes, money, etc.—Express Photo

\$5 LOLLY MONEY

Choongum, Bullers Eyes, Lossengers

Johannesburg, Aug. 8. A little boy toddled into a Boksburg (near Johannesburg) cafe with a roll of \$5 notes clutched in his hands, and asked the proprietor for "a penny choongum."

He must have noticed the look of confusion on the cafe owner's face, because he held the money tightly to his chest, and with a finger removed a piece of sticky chewing-gum from behind an ear—his "safe-deposit."

GOT A COLD

"This is choongum, you see. An' I want a penny lickish, an' a penny bullers eyes, an' a penny lossengers, 'cause I got a cold, see," he said in one quick breath.

It was the cafe owner's turn next: "How old are you, sonny?"

"I'm five an' I go to school," he returned emphatically.

The cafe owner was about to try another approach when a man suddenly entered the shop and, smilingly took the bundle of notes from the little boy.

TO PAY ACCOUNT

He explained that he had come to town with his son Harold, to pay his account. Unknown to him the money had fallen from his pocket in the car. When he stopped near the cafe, Harold got out and made a bee-line for the shop while he was left searching through his pockets for the money.

Harold got his "choongum" and his "lossengers" after all.—China Mail Special.

Volcano On A Farm

Brisbane, Aug. 8. A mysterious movement "swallowed" ten acres of ground on the slopes of an "extinct" volcano near Kingsthorpe, 148 miles from Brisbane, on a farm owned by Mr. Christie Drahm.

A subsidence started when a subterranean explosion blew a ten-foot hole in the ground.

The following morning Mr. Drahm found that an area of several hundred square yards around the hole had been "turned over as though by a giant plough."

Crevices eighteen inches wide and many feet deep crossed the area. Green slime oozed from many of them, he reported.—China Mail Special.

EXPLOSION DEATH TOLL RISES

More Than Thousand Victims Reported In Cali City

VAST WASTELAND OF RUBBLE

Bogota, Aug. 8.

Flags flew at half-mast today throughout Colombia in mourning for the estimated more than a thousand victims of yesterday's explosion in the city of Cali.

In Cali itself, grave-diggers worked steadily in the city's graveyards opening new graves for the constant procession of bodies being brought from the city's hospitals. During the night, numbers of seriously injured persons died in the hospitals.

A special Agence France-Press correspondent in Cali telegraphed that crowds of anguished persons were milling around in the area of the disaster hoping to locate the missing members of their families.

250 Vehicle Wrecks

The site of the explosion itself was said to be now only a vast wasteland, littered with bricks, bits of plaster, roof tiles and twisted pieces of metal.

Scattered throughout the disaster area were 250 mangled wrecks of automobiles. Even in districts far from the site of the explosion, a thick layer of broken glass covered the streets. Soldiers, civilians, doctors and priests hurried about the city bringing aid and religious comfort to the injured and the dying.

Aid was also coming from Bogota and all the other cities and towns of Colombia, where official and private organizations have been collecting money to aid the disaster victims in Cali.

Still Dazed

Practically all of Bogota's doctors, surgeons, nurses and social workers that could be spared have come to Cali to join in the rescue work.

The inhabitants of Cali, still dazed by the immensity of the catastrophe, nevertheless have already begun to think of the work of reconstruction before them.

Bulldozers have been set to work levelling off the heaps of debris and clearing paths through the devastated area.—France-Press.

Damages In Annuities Suggested

Melbourne, Aug. 8.

Three judges of the Victorian Full Court have suggested that claimants in damages case should be awarded annuities rather than lump sums.

The award of a lump sum to a person who could not control it was unsatisfactory, said the judges.

They were giving judgment on an appeal from a Supreme Court jury's record award of £20,000 to Beverly James Smith, who suffered severe permanent injuries when caught in a lathe at work.

The accident occurred on his 18th birthday. The Full Court, which held the damages were not excessive, said the award of a lump sum was unsatisfactory especially as it might go to relatives who might not deserve it.—China Mail Special.

Paris, Aug. 8.

Food and life-jackets were air-dropped yesterday to waterbound villagers along a tributary of the Taching River in central Hopei Province, the New China News Agency reported tonight.

Some villages in the Suning and Poyen counties were marooned by the Chaling tributary, which overbowed its dykes on the previous day, the agency said.

The heavy rainfall brought about by the incursion of Typhoon Wanda caused the Taching and four other water-

ways, belonging to the North China Hsiao River system to rise sharply. The flow of some of the tributaries surpassed the highest previous records.

Moving Peasants

While flood prevention teams fought the surging waters on the dykes, ships, rubber dinghies and lorries moved peasants from the affected areas to safe places, the agency said.

Altogether over one million people are manning the dykes along the Hsiao River system, which consists of the Yunting, the Taching, the Tzeya rivers, and the north and south Grand Canal.

In Tientsin, and its nearby areas through which the Hsiao River passes after receiving water from all its five waterways, flood prevention teams have raised smaller dykes about four feet high along the main dyke system, the agency added.

All other major rivers in China, the Yangtze, Yellow and Hsiao rivers, are under control, according to data from today's bulletin of the Central Flood Prevention Headquarters, the agency added.—France-Press.

RED FISHING BOATS SEIZED

Paris, Aug. 8.

Two Nationalist Chinese gunboats seized a Communist fishing boat with a crew of ten men on the waters north of Fongchuang yesterday, the New China News Agency reported tonight.

The agency added that yesterday morning a Nationalist motorboat captured two Communist fishing vessels off Tunting Island on the Fukien coast with 17 fishermen and in the afternoon other Nationalist gunboats intercepted four more fishing craft off Tunglo and Hsiao islands.—France-Press.

MODERNISATION OF US ARMED FORCES IN EUROPE

Washington, Aug. 8. President Eisenhower announced today at his press conference that he would confer in the near future with General Alfred Gruenther, NATO Commander-in-Chief, on the modernisation of American armed forces in Europe.

Eisenhower said that concerning this modernisation, it was incorrect to speak of a reduction of North Atlantic Treaty Organisation forces, because this implied a decrease of military potential.

There would be no such decrease, Eisenhower said. The matter was simply a question of the intelligent application

of the increased fire-power of modern weapons. The President said that the modernisation would work in the same fashion as the invention of the machine-gun, handled by a single soldier, permitted the same military potential as the rifle fire of hundreds of soldiers.—France-Press.

Rebels Trap Troops In Algeria

Algiers, Aug. 8.

Nationalist rebels have killed nine and wounded four French soldiers who were chasing rebels who set off giant forest fires around Algiers, the Army said today.

Two French soldiers were burned to death while trying to save a radar watch tower from destruction by the blaze which yesterday burned into a smoldering waste three-quarters of the 1,250-acre Balam woods, six miles west of the city.

After setting fire to the scorched growth—Algiers

is roasting in 113 degrees Fahrenheit—and five other forests of the Algiers green belt, the nationalists scattered.

An 18-man French patrol aboard a heavy truck was combing the countryside around Camp-des-Chenes, 28 miles southwest of Algiers, when it fell into a rebel trap yesterday.

Nine soldiers were killed instantly, four were wounded. Five survivors rode the bullet-riddled vehicle to safety—United Press.

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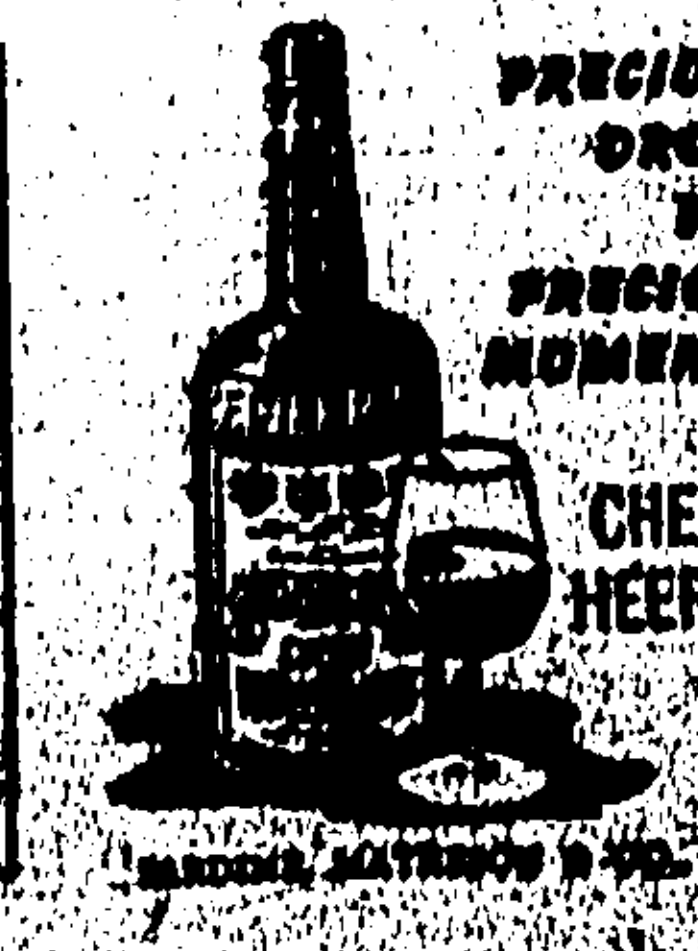
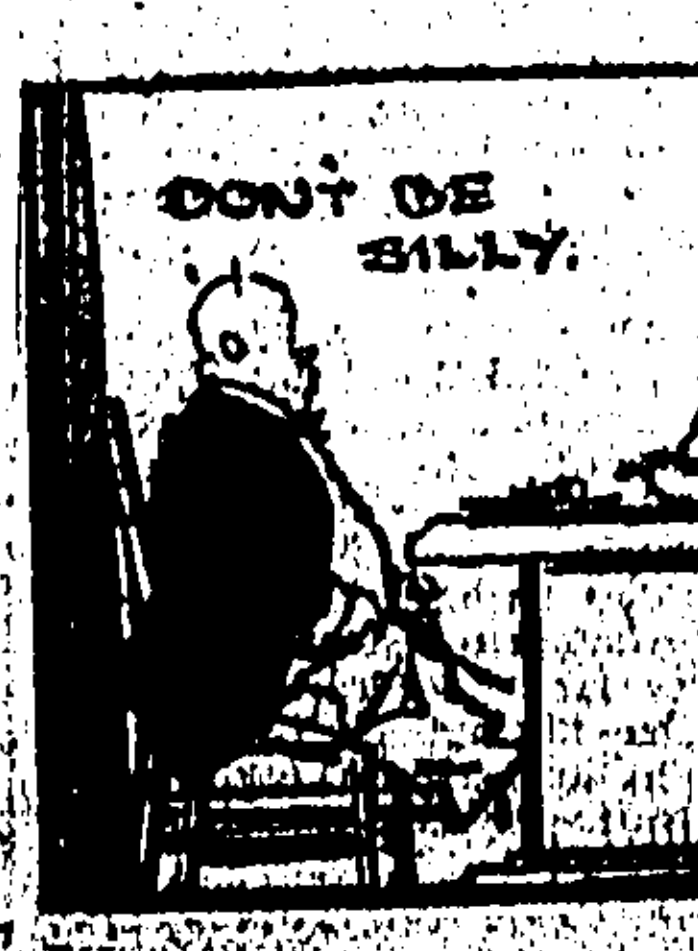
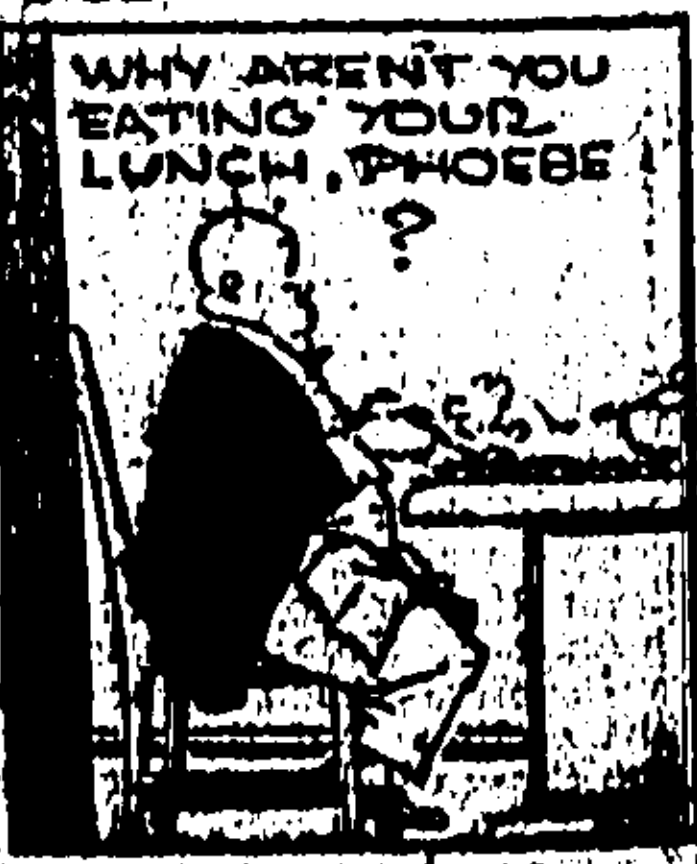
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PRECIOUS DROPS FOR PRECIOUS MOMENTS. CHERRY HEERING

APOLOGY OR COMMIT HARAKIRI

Tokyo, Aug. 8.
A former staff officer of the Japanese Imperial Army said today he would meet "any time" a Chinese businessman from Singapore who threatened to force him to commit suicide for alleged World War II atrocities in Singapore.

Masanobu Tsuji, one of the top staff officers who napped out the Japanese invasion of Singapore and Malaya and who is now a member of the Japanese Parliament, laughed when told by United Press of the threat made by Chuang Hui-fu.

Chuang said in Singapore Sunday before leaving for Tokyo that Tsuji would "have to choose between harakiri and public apology to the people of Singapore" for the alleged atrocities.

GUERRILLA

"I have heard of Chuang," Tsuji said. "During the war, he was a guerrilla affiliated with the Nationalist in Chungking."

"You can tell him I will meet him any time. But I won't commit harakiri!"

Chuang was not available for comment on Tsuji's statement.—United Press.

2 Terrorists Killed In Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Aug. 8.
Security forces have killed two Communist terrorists in the Malayan jungles, according to an official communique issued today.

The communique said a sentry at a base camp of the 5th Battalion, the Malay Regiment, in the Klang area of Johore State, Southern Malaya, yesterday opened fire on six to seven armed and uniformed terrorists seen approaching, killing one of them. The others fled.

A patrol of the 1st Gurkha Rifles killed one of three to four terrorists they contacted in the Cameron Highlands area of Pahang State, Central Malaya, on Sunday.

The other terrorists escaped, the communique said.—Reuter.

INDUSTRIALIST DIES IN MILAN

Milan, Aug. 8.
Dr Piero Pirelli, the man who provided the tyres for Italy's booming automobile industry, died of heart failure at his home here last night. He was 76.

Pirelli was chairman of the huge Pirelli and Co. rubber firm which branched out from tyres to manufacture all kinds of rubber goods in recent years. A bachelor, he ran the firm with his brother, Senator Alberto Pirelli, who survives him.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle

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R O L O U D V
M A R K I E S U S E D
S S W E A R K
D E S E R T S E V E R

ACROSS
1 Goad (4).
4 Indicating indirectly (7).
8 Jack (4).
9 Dull (4).
10 Bird of prey (7).
11 Assert (4).
12 Conspiracy (4).
14 Erudite (7).
17 Horizontal (5).
19 Stupid (3).
22 Fabulous female (7).
23 Requir (4).
27 Nasty (4).
28 Wads (7).
29 Accustomed (4).
30 Nigh (4).
31 Abandon (7).
32 Always (4).

DOWN
2 Colour (6).
3 Discount (6).
4 Mean dwelling (5).
5 Hardens (6).
6 Teacher (5).
7 Tend (5).
12 Fruit (4).
13 Fast (4).
15 Humoral (4).
16 Exploit (4).
18 Quiet (6).
20 Last (6).
21 Harsh (6).
23 Efficacy (5).
24 Signal code (5).
25 Treats medicinally (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Custom, 5 Census, 8 Vicar, 9 Slopes, 10 Power, 11 Rapid, 12 Ours, 13 Tests, 14 Repeat, 15 Brutal, 16 Rises, 17 Stem, 18 Secret, 19 Annual, 20 August, 21 Means, 22 Order, 23 Regard, 24 Down: 1 Customer, 2 Succumb, 3 Over, 4 Mingle, 5 Capital, 6 Broods, 7 Spend, 8 Shatters, 9 Starbust, 10 Ruiner, 11 Pageant, 12 Reserve, 13 Inner, 14 Rise.

JAPANESE WATCHING SUEZ CRISIS

Traffic Restrictions Could Prove To Be Windfall

HALF TOWN SNORES
Tokyo, Aug. 8.
A Tokyo doctor, Dr Yoshio Hayashi, told a meeting of the Japanese Nose and Throat Society that snoring could be cured by removing part of the roof of the mouth.

Other doctors said that the majority of snorers were in the 60-80 age bracket; and a report from Noda City, north of Tokyo, said that 81 per cent of the men and 41 per cent of the women residents there snored.—China Mail Special.

Mexico To Watch Her Islands

Mexico City, Aug. 8.
The Navy Ministry ordered today a "closer vigilance" of Mexico's Pacific islands "to fight off American and Japanese pirate fishing boats and contrabandists."

Cutters will make unannounced beats around the islands of Guadalupe, Margarita, Tres Marias, Revillagigedo, Thuron and other, "no matter what the cost may be," a spokesman said. "We are determined to stop pirate craft which rob us of our sea riches," he said. "We are also determined to take advantage of the fact that most of these islands are deserted to use them as springboards for their illicit activities," the official said.

SCHOOL FOR ADVENTURE

Sydney, Aug. 8.
An "adventure school" is to be established soon in Australia for the development of character.

The school, to be modelled on those run by the Outdoor Bound Movement in Britain, will be held at the National Fitness Camp near Sydney in November.

Organisers say that youngsters will be given the chance to develop themselves through adventure and to assess their abilities in moments of trial.

The programme will include lessons on unarmed combat, cliff climbing, boating and canoeing.—China Mail Special.

Tokyo, Aug. 8.
Japan would become the chief supplier of all markets East of Suez if traffic is restricted on the Suez Canal as a result of the present crisis, Japanese observers said today.

They said a restriction of this sort would give Japan a unique opportunity to gain over Britain in supplying Southeast Asia, China and India.

Moreover, Japan, which hitherto had been handicapped by heavy freight costs, would be able to penetrate the Near East and take part in Egyptian development projects.

These observers said Japan would also be able to enhance her prestige with the Asian-African bloc by refusing to question the ethics of the Canal's nationalisation and by calling for practical measures to ensure its smooth operation.

Japan's action would point up her importance in world shipping and trade, and would be an asset on the eve of her renewed efforts to join the United Nations, observers said.

Outwardly, Japan seems embarrassed by the Suez dispute, between two camps with which she seeks to maintain equally friendly ties.

But some quarters regard the Canal's nationalisation and the possibility of a break between Egypt and Western Europe as a "windfall" from heaven.—France-Press.

MIXED FEELINGS IN US

New York, Aug. 8.
The Suez Canal crisis, largely overshadowed in the United States by the increased tempo of domestic politics, is regarded by most Americans as a largely foreign quarrel with possible violent consequences from which they must remain aloof.

But serious-minded sections of the Press and public realize the United States, as a great maritime and oil power, is deeply involved in the dispute.

The mass circulation organs, through news despatches, editorials and readers' letters, are emphasizing the crisis and the fear of being "dragged" into something, either militarily or economically, against the national will, however.

Guidance from the top has to take into account factors which might not appear, or would at least be less obvious, in a non-election year.

Strike Balance

Today, however, the administration must strike a balance between its vital Middle East oil interests, its commitments to its allies and a strong and very vocal pro-Israel section of the population.

The New York World-Telegram today recalled how both parties in the 1948 presidential election campaign tried to outbid each other for the pro-Israel vote. It said the Suez crisis makes avoidance of that kind of "politicizing" imperative and appealed for genuine bipartisanship in foreign policy.

Except for a few small groups, scholars and Moslem Americans, the Arab cause has never been able to gather large-scale public or Press support.

President Nasser has received no editorial approval whatsoever for his seizure of the canal. Only positive support has come in the form of readers' letters such as Mohammed Hassan who said in today's New York Daily News, "The canal is an Egyptian waterway, built by Egypt itself on Egyptian territory."

The New York Times published a letter from Mr C. Bradford Waller, professor of ancient history at Yale University, saying: "It is understandable that the United States should be concerned about threatening moves against Egypt by England and France."

APPEASEMENT BLAMED

Washington, Aug. 8.
Rep. Augustine B. Kelley (Democrat-Pennsylvania), today blamed what he called the Eisenhower administration's "appeasement" of President Nasser of Egypt for the Middle East crisis.

He said the administration believed that it could "do business" with Nasser "as long as we gave Egypt enough millions of American dollars." He said Secretary of State Dulles' policy towards Egypt was to double whatever offer Russia made.

Getting To Brink

By thus trying "to buy the goodwill of a bully and a small-time dictator," it was "no wonder we got into trouble."

The administration rushed in "hysterically" to offer Egypt millions of dollars to build the Aswan Dam and then withdrew the offer "when it was discovered that the dam was a bad idea."

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Egyptian authorities check over Suez Canal Company accounts in the company office at Ismailia after President Nasser had made his announcement that Egypt had decided to nationalize the company.—Express Photo.

No H-Bomb Tests In Australia

Melbourne, Aug. 9.
The hydrogen bomb will never be tested in Australia, Mr Howard Beale, Australia's Supply Minister, said in an article appearing in Australian newspapers this morning.

Employees Lose Pay

Singapore, Aug. 8.
The Singapore Traction Company Employees' Union today complained to the police about "Operation Dagger"—biggest police drive against secret society thugs.

SCREENED BY POLICE

The union, in a letter to the Police Commissioner, Mr Nigel Morris, alleged about 30 workers of the British-owned transport company had each lost a day's pay because they had been detained by police for screening while on their way to work.

The letter demanded compensation for these workers.

Mr Morris declined to comment on the union's complaint. He told reporters he had not yet received the letter.—Reuter.

Manuscript Dated 1382 In Yiddish

The Hague, Aug. 8.
The Netherlands Organisation for Pure Scientific Research announced here that it had granted a subsidy to a Dutch library curator to publish a Yiddish manuscript of 1382, claimed to be the oldest so far known.

Mr L. Fuks, curator of the "Bibliotheca Rosenthaliana" of the Amsterdam University Library, discovered the manuscript in the Cambridge University Library. It contains epic poems and is claimed to be over a century older than other known Yiddish literature.—China Mail Special.

French Mission For Peking

Paris, Aug. 8.
A French cultural mission to China left here by air today on a six-weeks fact finding tour, aiming at increased exchanges between the two countries.

Headed by Serge Lefebvre-Dupont, President of the French National Centre for cultural exchanges with the Far East, the mission will seek to increase exchanges of technicians between France and China.

It will also explore the possibility of reopening the French Institute in Peking.

The mission will organize exhibitions of French books and French achievements in industry, agriculture and science.

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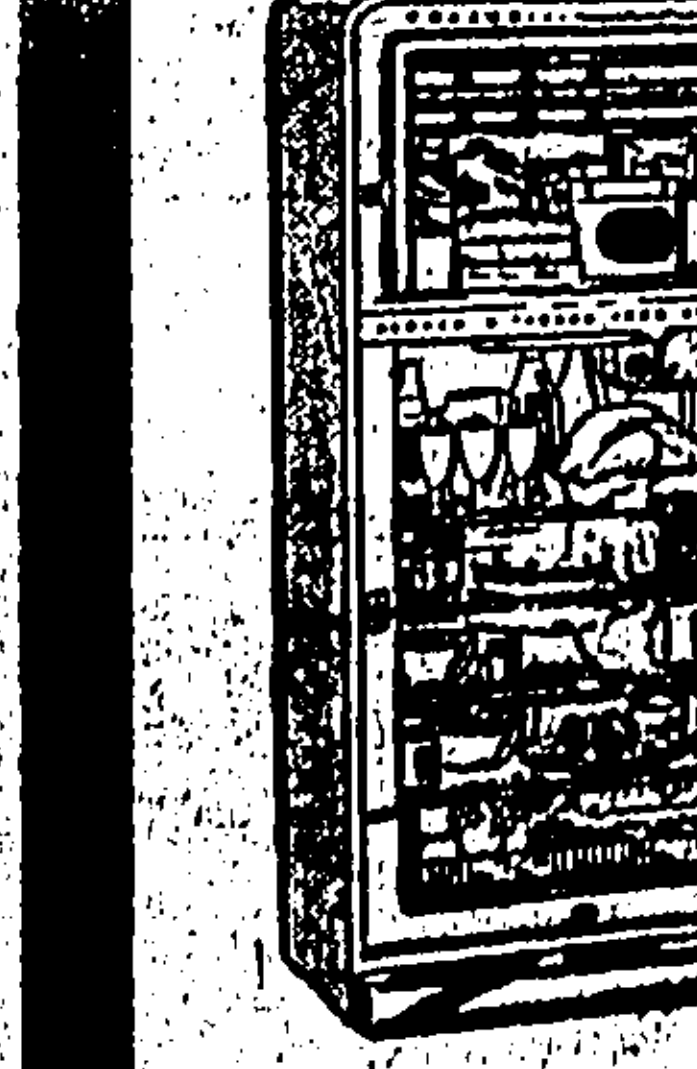
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IN STALINSTADT THERE ARE NO STRIKES

.....Not With Tommy-guns Guarding The Factory Doors

By JACK JONES, MP

The 62-year-old ex-steel smelter who is now Socialist MP for Rotherham. He was Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Supply, 1947-50.

I HA... just returned from one of the most astonishing places in Europe — Stalinstadt, East Germany.

It is a new steel town, with 20,000 people. In two years' time there will be 60,000. And Stalinstadt will then have become one of the greatest steel-producing centres in the world — a powerful competitor with our own industry, a fresh menace to the British export drive.

Armed guards stand outside the huge works. There are more of them inside. All carry Tommy-guns.

Their job is to keep an eye on the political and other prisoners employed at the plant.

Prisoners

Fourteen thousand people work there. How many are prisoners?

I do not know the proportion, but in one department alone I counted nearly 40. Not all have been convicted of political offences against the State. Some are ordinary criminals, for the East German Government prefers to put them to useful work rather than let them sit idle in jails.

Stalinstadt is absolutely new. Less than three years ago there was a virgin forest on the banks of the Oder. Now there are hundreds upon hundreds of beautifully designed flats, a hospital with 800 beds, all equipped with radio and telephone, clinics, research departments and operating theatres with the latest equipment known to science, industrial cafes, or, as we term them, canteens, serving wholesome food in extremely pleasant conditions, with a 12-piece orchestra playing high-class music.

You cannot buy in Stalinstadt a box of matches, a bus ticket, or a cabbage which is not State-produced. Not one solitary shop of concern of any sort is run under private ownership.

The average age of the workers is the remarkably low one of 26. As one German wryly observed: "We have not started building cemeteries yet."

What has become of the very old, or even the 50-60 age group? Many have evidently been allowed to go over to Western Germany. For, of course, they are less useful to the Communists.

Wages are low by British standards. For though many are earning the equivalent of £10 to £12 a week, which may sound fine, their money buys much less than we can get for the same amount.

For example, a packet of 24 Chinese-made cigarettes costs 10s. And to earn 10s. a man in Stalinstadt has to work two hours.

In my own steel constituency of Rotherham many a skilled worker can earn enough in an hour to buy two packets of cigarettes.

The technical equipment of this plant is amazing. To give some idea, there are 28 miles of conveyor belting feeding the great blast-furnaces which are turning out a very high tonnage of quality iron. Every foot of this conveyor, synchronised system is controlled by a youth of 20 in a control room, the like of which I have seen nowhere else in the world.

Automation

Automation is not on its way in Eastern Germany. It has actually arrived, and the workers of Britain, particularly in the steel industry, must face these facts. The vital raw material of ore comes from Russia, China, North Korea and East Germany itself, with coke and coal in tremendous quantities from Poland.

The economies of Eastern Germany are, in my opinion, going insolubly integrated with the Communist countries of the East. This in itself must be a tremendous factor to be reckoned with when talking of the reunification of Germany.

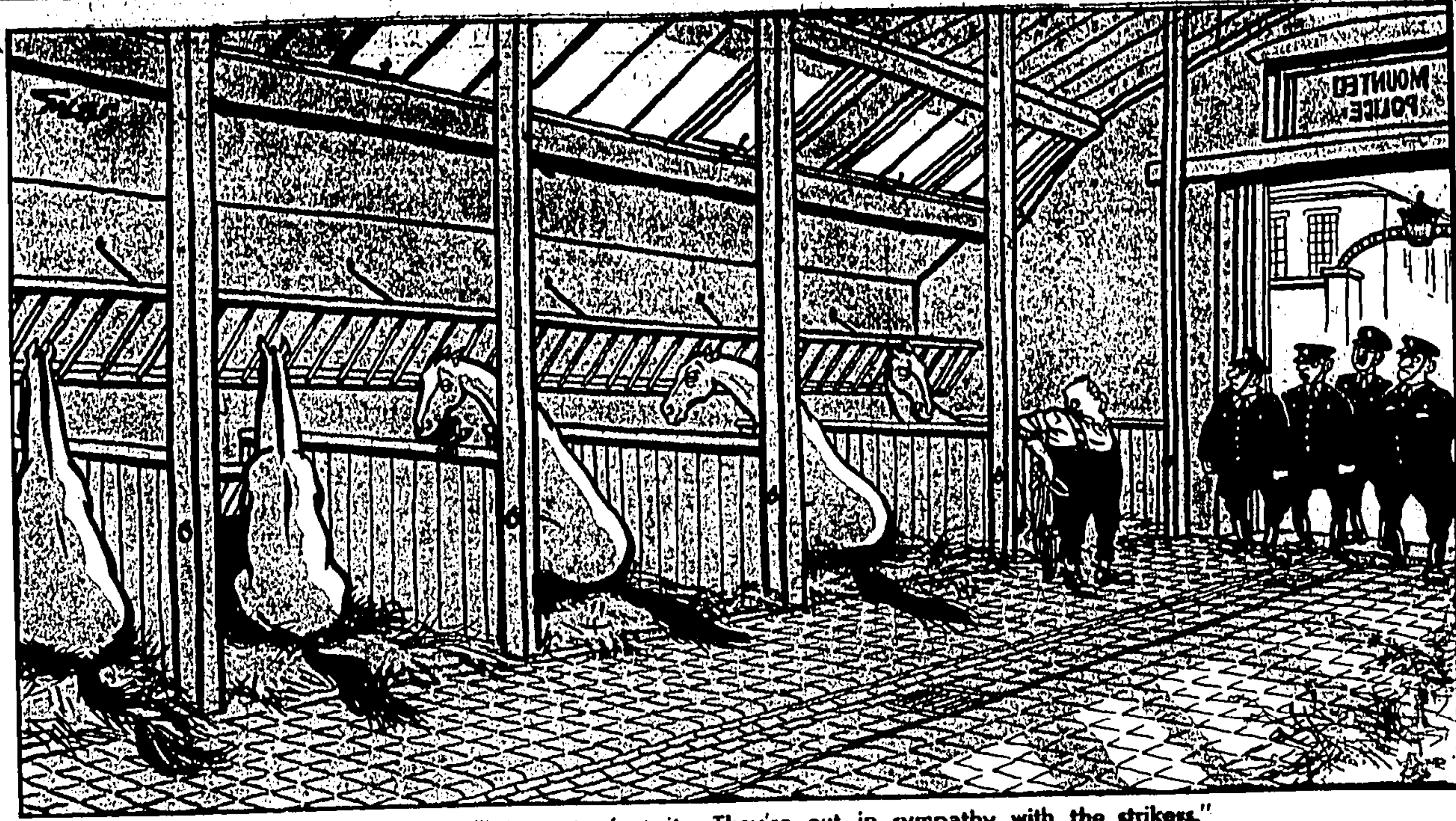
Outwardly, things appear, in a material sense, not too bad. Religion, contrary to many statements, is still practised, but my observation led me to conclude that only the older people are going to church.

Political indoctrination of the children is intensive. The fields are green in East Germany. Will roses abound in every hedge-row. But what is going on inside the minds and hearts of the East Germans can only be revealed when they are free to express their convictions at the ballot box in an honest election.



The town that is not yet on the map

Less than three years ago Stalinstadt — still not on the world's maps — was a virgin forest. Today it contains 20,000 workers. In two years it will have 60,000... and by then it will be one of the greatest steel centres of the world.



"Sorry, lads — you'll have to foot it. They're out in sympathy with the strikers."

What! His Centenary Already?

STILL TOO EARLY TO JUDGE SHAW

By MILTON SHULMAN

IT seems almost superfluous to be commemorating the centenary of the birth of a man who has been dead less than six years. We have hardly had time to forget the obituaries.

By living until he was 94, Bernard Shaw has, even from the grave, succeeded in ridiculing another obsequious and outdated convention. His shades should be heaving with glee at the heaps of adulation and deprecation that will be chucked on his memory over the next few weeks.

close to this mountain of contradictions and energy to get him into any reasonable focus.

The fresh letters and the fresh facts that these books contain may provide some charming titbits to collectors of Shaviania; they give us no convincing arguments as to what posterity is likely to think of him.

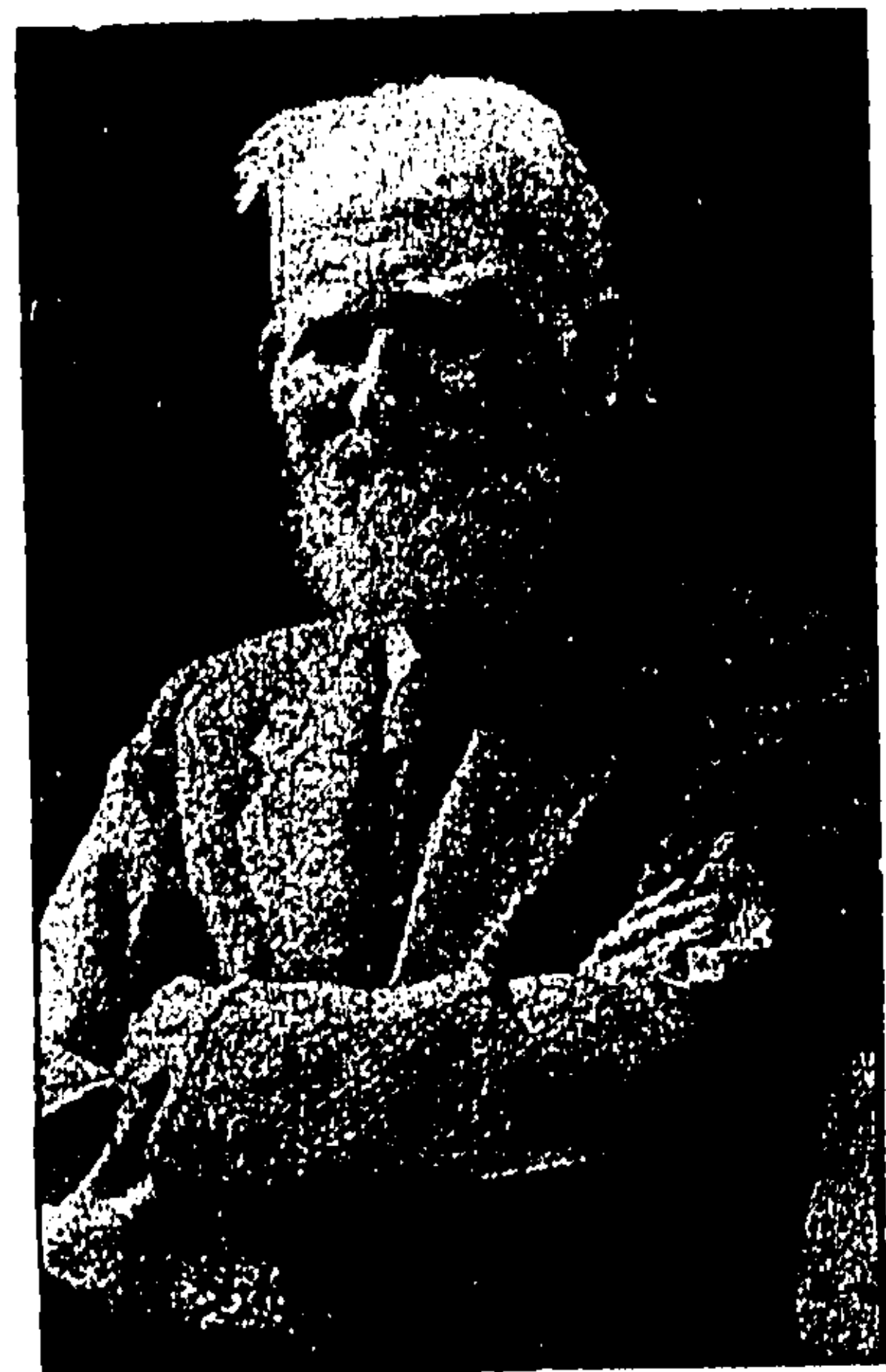
Shaw is the greatest English-speaking playwright, next to Shakespeare, and a philosophical genius of the front rank. Shaw is a frivolous, irresponsible

craftsman whose plays are already so dated they are almost quaint. These are the two contemporary opinions and you can take your pick.

To a generation moaning about its lack of opportunity to rebel and coddling itself in the death-wish aura of existentialism and resignation, Shaw's goading optimism is almost an affront. "Never stagnate," he shouts. "Life is a constant becoming; all stages lead to the beginning of others."

"What a bore!" reply the young queuing up for another dose of "Waiting for Godot," "Hush," "Cloak," or "Look Back in Anger."

Nor has Shaw's current reputation been helped by his ardent well-wishers who adventurous? No! Congreve, Sheridan, Wilde, Galsworthy, £250,000 for a memorial fund. Pinero, O'Casey, O'Neill or and found that the public would Williams.



THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his last moments in the presence of each other all being present have subscribed our names as witnesses

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G. Bernard Shaw

Shaw's signature and those of his witnesses.

contribute no more than £407. They miscalculated the resentment the British public felt at the thought of a man leaving a good fortune to a crank scheme for reforming the alphabet. Had he left it to sailors or stray cats, they probably would have forgiven him. But the English language! The man's barnyard!

Nor have well-meaning efforts to revive some of Shaw's least important plays done him much good. Trying to convince any of Shaw's greatness as a dramatist with productions of "Misalliance," "The Millionaire," and "The Apple Cart" is like trying to establish Shakespeare's reputation with "Two Gentlemen of Verona" or Sheridan's with "Pizarro."

His attacks

Another obstacle blocking Shaw's claim to greatness is the rubbish-heap of nonsense he wrote to infuriate, provoke, stimulate and explode his contemporaries, out of their self-complacency.

His adulation of Mussolini and Stalin, his specious attacks on vivisection and vaccination, his plea for the extermination of misfits, are mental exercises his disciples will find difficult in explaining. They are the exuberant egotism of a man who professes a noisy outrageousness to an ignorant silence.

"I shoot into the air more and more extravagantly without any premeditation whatever," he wrote in 1934, revealing that he, at least, did not take himself too seriously.

But in spite of the bumptiousness, the irresponsibility, the spinsterish idiosyncrasies, there is still the Shaw who wrote "Caesar," "Heartbreak House," "Man and Superman," and "St. Joan," and what other English-speaking playwright — except Shakespeare — can boast of four plays nearly as exciting, as provocative, as moving and as steadily

INTO THE BLACK NOON

By LES ARMOUR

THERE is something sinister about the guided missile—a tiny speck hurtling along at such a pace that its sound is left far behind it. At such a pace, even, that the eye could never follow it.

It is intended to bring death more swiftly and, in conjunction with the hydrogen bomb, to spread it more widely than any machine ever invented by man.

It is a weapon against which, up to now, no defence has been evolved.

Far more than any other weapon, it leaves man at the mercy of his machines.

At the same time, there was something immensely fascinating about the film of the latest missile shown this week by the makers and the Government.

The missile, appropriately, is called Thor and the

film looked like something out of a space comic. A camera attached to Thor's nose gave you the impression of literally sitting on the missile as it reached up through and beyond the sky.

At first, the clear blue of the sky and sight of the earth dropping away like some great stone dropped by the gods gave the film a kind of unfair atmosphere. Then the sky grew dark; finally only the round ball of the sun and the orange flash of the ramjet glared out of the black.

How high does Thor go? And how far? No one will say. But the makers say it flies "well above the heights" normally reached by aircraft—and the dark sky tells its own tale.

The sky appears blue from the earth only because dust particles refract the sun's rays. They thin out, slowing Thor down at the right place.

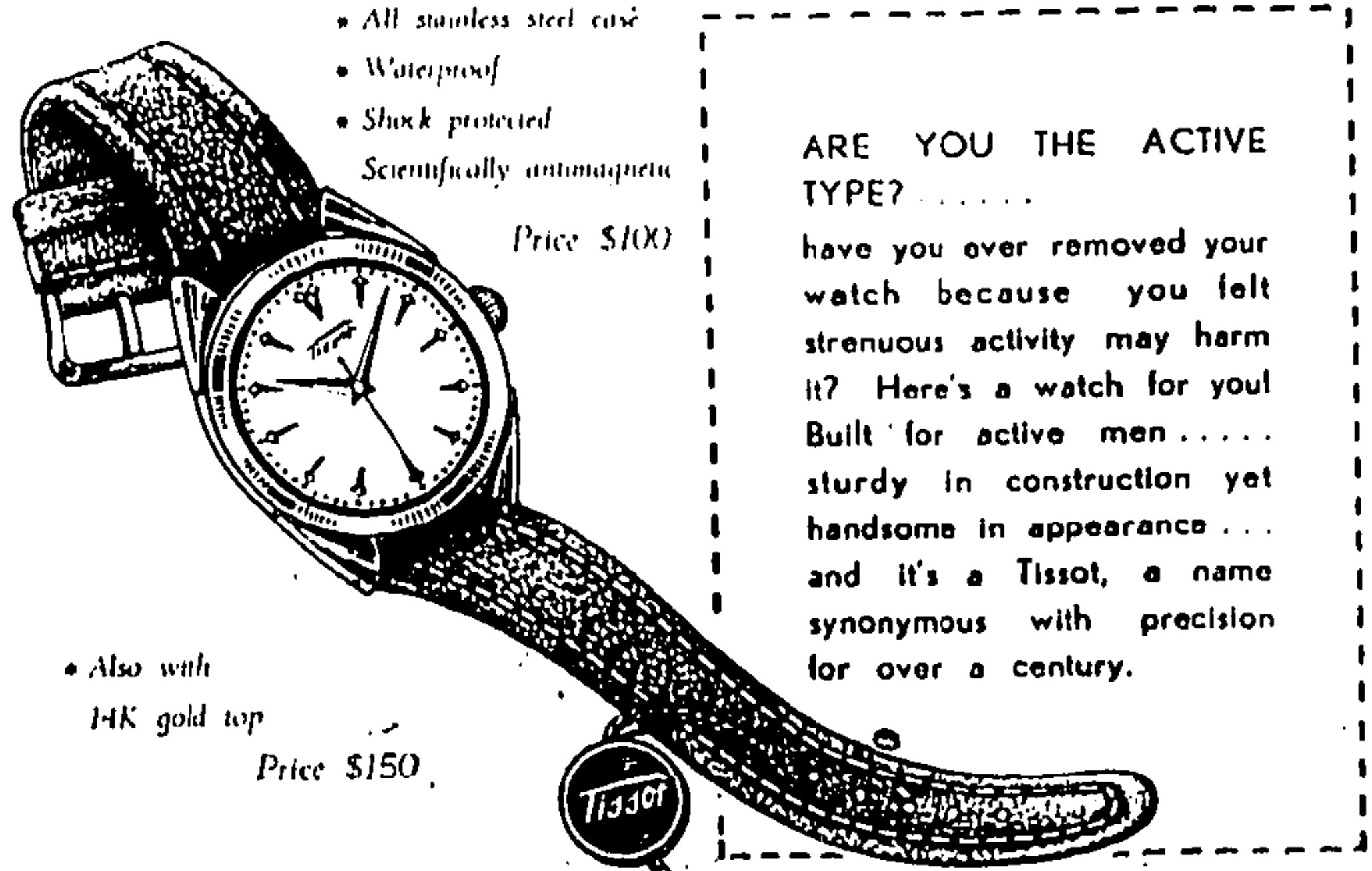
ends and only the black of space remains.

The use of a ramjet also tells its own tale. It is the first such missile ordered by Britain. And it means that the ramjet is now developed to the point where it can take over from the much more costly rocket. It is the simplest of all engines and works by spraying liquid fuel into air incredibly compressed by the movement of the missile itself. The fuel and the air then produce an expanding gas which drives the missile forward again.

One other fact has been revealed. The missiles travel so far that many of them pass beyond the scope of the instruments on the testing range and have to be exploded in mid-air to keep from coming down in the wrong places.

Perhaps, however, Thor will even have his peaceful uses. Letters packed into Thor, for instance, and blasted off from London could be delivered in New York in two hours—if somebody could find a way of slowing Thor down at the right place.

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

CAPTAIN FOULENOUGH has discovered a way of getting into the bar at London Airport without going through the Customs.

He carries a battered suitcase covered with hotel labels, and has been known, according to a barman, to have flown in from Karachi twice in one day. Occasionally he poses as a Customs officer off duty, and in civilian clothes. "It is an easier way," he said yesterday, "of getting a drink when you want it than becoming an M.P. and the company is a great deal pleasanter and more varied."

A smart youngster

Boys are very quick to seize any chance of avoiding work. (A schoolmaster.)

THERE was a boy at Harrow in my time who, during a minor epidemic of measles, sent a telegram to his parents: "Send for me at once. We are dying like flies."

Full in court

CROSS-EXAMINED by Mr. Tinklerbury Snapdriver, Mr. Eugene Colchouse said he was

an amateur contortionist, not a professional.

Snapdriver: It is your hobby?

Colchouse: No.

Snapdriver: Then why do you do it?

Colchouse: That is a leading question, Mr. Snapdriver.

Snapdriver: I will frame it in this way, then. For what reason do you do it?

Colchouse: It is spontaneous.

Snapdriver: Must there be a pillow on the bed?

Colchouse: Where else could I put my head?

Snapdriver: Please answer Yes or No.

(Howls of laughter in court. Fruit is thrown. An usher gets a tomato on the jaw.)

Book review

The Measurement and Classification of Resonant Nebulae, by F. L. L. L. (Loder and Wall, 70s. net.)

MISS LATOUCHE's publishers have evidently put the wrong title to her extremely amusing account of a bicycle tour through Surrey. Or is this a publisher's joke, in not very good taste?

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

East Is Given Chance To Err

By OSWALD JACOBY

PART of the art of playing bridge successfully is the ability to make a careless play at the right time. Harry Phipps demonstrated this principle in a recent game in the Experts' Room at the Regency Club in New York.

I doubled five diamonds with the North cards, expecting to defeat this defence, and fearing that we had already reached our limit. My impression was correct, since we would have beaten five diamonds and shouldn't have made five hearts, but Phipps was certainly justified in bidding five hearts.

West opened the seven of spades, and I put the dummy down apprehensively. This didn't look like a favourable opening lead.

Hurry looked at the dummy for a fraction of a second and carelessly played the six of

NORTH (D)			
♠	Q J 10 8 6		
♥	4		
♦	9 3		
♣	A K 8 5		
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♠	7		
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North	East	South	West
Pass	4	5	5
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Opening lead—♠ 7			

spades from the dummy at the first trick. This was the key play of the hand. The play had to seem careless and therefore had to be made quickly, without emphasis and without apparent thought. This is a tough combination.

The East player stared at the seven and six of spades, checked the remaining spades in the dummy, shrugged his shoulders, and played the five of spades. This allowed West to win the first trick with the seven of spades.

Now West was dead as a doornail. He couldn't prevent South from discarding a spade on dummy's second high club, after which the contract of five hearts was unbeatable.

If Phipps had played one of the higher spades from dummy at the first trick, East would have been forced to win with the king. East would naturally continue with the ace of spades, and West would shoot out. A spade ruff would then defeat the contract.

East should have put up the king of spades at the first trick in spite of South's brilliantly careless play from the dummy. In my book, however, Phipps gets the credit for giving East a chance to go wrong.

CHORD Sense

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:

North: East: South: West:

Heart 2 Diamonds 7

What do you do?

A—Bid three hearts. The high-card strength is a little skimpy for this force, but the distribution is excellent.

TODAY'S QUESTION

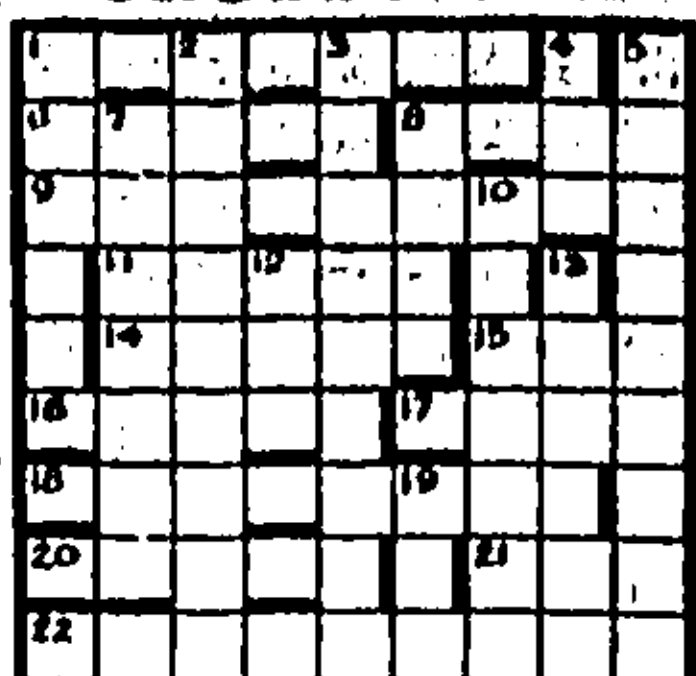
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:

♠ A Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

What do you do?

Answer: Tomorrow

CROSSWORD



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ANYTHING BUT LUCKY JIM

By ALEX BANNISTER

How much did Laker, due to appear on his home ground the day after smashing almost every Test bowling record, lose from the August 1 total wash-out?

Surrey's opponents were the Australians who, despite their modest record so far this tour, still pull in the crowds—they are roughly only £8,000 down on the comparable period in 1955. A fine day might have meant a 25,000 crowd, and a modest bob a time would have produced a collection of £1,250.

Surrey allow their beneficiaries three collections during the season, and obviously there are peak times to take them. Unlucky Jim's benefit game with his native Yorkshire in June was also spoiled by rain. Surrey's secretary estimated that Laker was about £1,400 down in his takings for the Yorkshire game.

THE GAMBLE

He could have made up for that with a Golden Day on August 1. But instead of pennies from heaven it was pitting rain and there you have the gamble of the cricketer's benefit.

The actual match is a disaster. A benefit is not the main source of income, for the player has to pay all the match expenses and those of the corresponding away fixture as well. Benefits

are in many cases highly organised affairs run by a committee and including evening and Sunday matches, dances and competitions. Subscription lists swell the total.

The top class professional can do well, particularly if he is backed by enthusiastic helpers, but while the Test cricketer thinks in thousands there are others who are grateful for hundreds.

Sometimes, however, there are serious flops—Laker has had many disappointments in his Sunday matches this wet summer—and one disgruntled long-service player, when told he had been granted a second benefit, replied: "Sorry, but I can't afford it."

TAX FREE

What happens to money brought in for the lucky bene-

Cyril Washbrook, Lancashire captain, and England batsman, holds the benefit record with £14,000 in 1945.

The great-hearted Surrey and England bowler Alec B. B. received £12,888 in 1953.

Denis Compton, the idol of Middlesex supporters, is third with £12,200 benefit receipts in 1949.

£9,713 was collected in 1950 for Len (now Sir Leonard) Hutton, of Yorkshire, and former captain of England.

His argument, in defence of money-making activities, is a fair one.

"My play at the top in a short one," he says, "I am not in the public eye for long, and once you finish you are forgotten. I

am a public entertainer, but compared with others my earnings are small, so I've got to make hay while the sun shines."

AND AMATEURS

The professional is not the only cricketer to cash in. Many an amateur's face is familiar on the advertising hoardings. He profits mainly from business appointments in which he can use his name and contacts.

But I know at least two county secretaries—capitains who would laugh if I mentioned the cash in cricket.

For them, and the rank and file, cricket is a game they play for love—not for profit.

COUNTY CRICKET

Doug Insole And Bear Defy Surrey Attack In Fourth Wicket Stand

London, Aug. 8.

A fighting innings by Doug Insole, the Essex captain, frustrated Surrey's plans at Clacton today when the Champion County put Essex into bat on a drying pitch.

Essex lost three wickets for 22, but Insole and Michael Bear defied the Surrey attack for 95 minutes in a fourth wicket stand of 84.

Insole battled on for three and a quarter hours for his 72, which included a hit for eight. The Essex captain had completed his fourth run when a heavy overcast by Tony Lock went on to the boundary for four.

Peter Loader took four of the first seven wickets with his fast-medium deliveries and Lock, whose final figures were five for 45, claimed the last three for six runs. Surrey were without Jim Laker, the England spinner, who has gaslit.

Lancashire, the championship leaders, recovered from a bad start to reach a respectable total of 258 against lowly Kent at Canterbury. After two wickets had fallen for 36 runs, Cyril Washbrook and Jack Dymond added 77 runs in 85 minutes in a third wicket stand. Fast medium bowler Fred Ridgway polished off the Lancashire tail-enders taking four for 26 runs in 9.5 overs with the new ball. He finished with five for 63.

MASTERFUL DISPLAY

England batsman Tom Graveney gave a masterful display for Gloucestershire against Glamorgan, scoring 200 of his county's total of 298. Coming in at number four, he propped up the Gloucestershire innings for five hours and 40 minutes, hitting three sixes and 20 fours. He monopolised the bowling and scored his runs in an eighth wicket partnership of 115 with Peter Roachford.

Nottinghamshire, with eight wickets in hand, were well on the way to first innings lead

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

At Clacton: Essex 193 (Insole 72, Lock five for 45). Surrey 15 for no wicket.

At Leicester: Leicestershire 182 (Hallam 65, Hingworth four for 44). Yorkshire 37 for two.

At Canterbury: Lancashire 258 (Washbrook 60, Ridgway five for 63). Kent 23 for one.

At Nottingham: Derbyshire 162 (Harmer 50, Goonesena five for 52). Nottinghamshire 113 for two.

At Newport: Gloucestershire 298 (Graveney 200, H. Davies five for 32). Glamorgan 104 for no wicket.

At Rushden: Northamptonshire 310 for four (Brookes not out 108, Livingston 97) versus Hampshire.

At Hove: Somerset 394 for six (McCool 93, Tremlett not out 100) versus Sussex.—Reuters.

TITLE FIGHT

New York, Aug. 8. Johnny Saxton will defend his welterweight title in a return bout with former champion Carmen Basilio at Syracuse, New York, on September 12. For four of the leading riders to be in this position is indeed a rarity.

Manny Mercer is at present over £30 up on a level stake invested on all his mounts but he is specially favoured in this respect.

Many rides Jack Jarvis' outsider of two in many of their races and the outsider has come up particularly often this season.

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Phillies Carry Their Winning Streak To Six Games

New York, Aug. 8.

Weak-hitting Ted Kazanski walloped a grand-slam inside-the-park homer and Robin Roberts registered his 14th victory today to help the Philadelphia Phillies increase their winning streak to six games with an 8-3 decision over the New York

The Phillies, who have won 10 of their last 11 games and are now on the threshold of the first division, collected nine hits, including Stan Lopata's 23rd homer with the bases empty in the first inning and Willie Jones' 12th circuit, also with none on, in the fourth. Kazanski, batting .217, drove in five runs with a homer. A single came off loser Jim Hearn in the sixth inning following singles by Elmer Valo and Jones and a walk to Grady Hammer.

Roberts struck out seven, walked only one batter and scattered 10 hits in bringing his record to 14-11.

Singles by Red Schoendienst, Willie Mays and Bill White gave the Giants a run in the first inning and Dusty Rhodes slammed his seventh homer in the fourth.

Coach Bucky Walters handled the Giants in the absence of manager Bill Rigney who was serving a three-day suspension for his run-in with umpire Bill Jackowski on Tuesday night.

In the Major League's only other day game, the Detroit Tigers edged the Kansas City Athletics 8-7. The Tigers scored their winning run in the seventh when Frank Bolling doubled and then dashed home as K. C. pitcher Troy Hershage threw

away a neat sacrifice bunt by winding pitcher Jim Bunning. Cleveland was at Chicago, New York at Washington and Baltimore at Boston in American League night games. In National League arc-lighters, St. Louis was at Milwaukee for a two-night doubleheader. Brooklyn was at Pittsburgh and Chicago was at Cincinnati.—United Press.

King Faisal And The Duke In Yachting Race

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Aug. 8. King Faisal of Iraq and the Duke of Edinburgh sailed together at the Cowes annual Regatta today in a Handicap Race for cruising yachts.

The Duke took the helm in his 24-foot sloop Fairy Fox with the King, who is his guest, and three other passengers, including Mr. Uffa Fox, well known British yacht designer aboard.

King Faisal arrived here by air from London yesterday to take part in the Regatta. He is staying temporarily with the Duke aboard the Royal Yacht Britannia.—Reuters.

Cricket Fans Threaten To Shoot Miller

London, Aug. 8.

Cricket fans take their sport seriously. It would appear. Tonight, Keith Miller, Vice-Captain of the touring Australian cricket team, disclosed that he had been threatened with shooting by local fans.

Miller, who is playing against Warwickshire, said last week he had received a letter stating that he would be shot if the Australians beat the Midlands County team.

"I don't know whether it is fair to say or not, but anyway I have not a bodyguard," Miller said. He added that he had heard nothing further of the threat since arriving in Birmingham.

"If the letter were serious, which seems highly unlikely, Miller will be in trouble. On the first day's play, Warwickshire were 104 all out on their first innings (Miller took two wickets) and the Australians had totalled 47 for one at the close of play.—France-Press.

DIVING

Pat McCormick Wins Olympic Selection

Detroit, Aug. 8.

Pat McCormick, twice winner of the Olympic ladies' spring-board diving contest, today won the Olympic selection event in this category and confirmed her chances of doing the hat-trick at the Melbourne Games.

Off a three metres board, McCormick scored 464.1 points. Second was Barbara Gilders, with 457.3 points, third Joanne Stunyo with 427.4 points, and fourth Jean Myers with 421.9 points.

McCormick won the spring-board event at the London Olympics in 1948 and at Helsinki in 1952.—France-Press.

ANOTHER RECORD

American world record holder, swimmer Bill Yorzyk, today clocked the fastest time for the 200 metres butterfly breaststroke when he timed 2 minutes 22.2 seconds, during the American Olympic selection events at Detroit.

Yorzyk holds the world record for the 200 metres butterfly breaststroke with a time of 2 minutes 16.7 seconds. Second today was Jack Nelson in 2 minutes 26.3 seconds and third George Harrison in 2 minutes 31.2 seconds.

The previous best world time for the 200 metres butterfly breaststroke in a 50 metres pool was set up by Japan's Takashi Ishimoto, when he clocked 2 minutes 23.8 seconds in Tokyo in September last year.

Olympic Champion Yoshi Oyakawa put up the excellent time of one minute, 4.7 seconds when he won the 100 metres backstroke event today in the American Olympic selection competitions here.

The best world performance for the 100 metres backstroke in an Olympic type pool was set up in June this year by Davis Thill of Australia with one minute, 4 seconds.

Frank McKinney, who is only 17, finished second today behind Oyakawa in another very good time—one minute, 5.4 seconds. John Weiser was third in one minute, 6.2 seconds. Al Wiggins was fourth in one minute, 6.7 seconds.—France-Press.

Australians Dismiss Warwickshire For 194, Score 47 For 1

Birmingham, Aug. 8.

The Australian cricketers dismissed Warwickshire for 194 and scored 47 for one wicket in reply on the opening day of their three-day game at Edgbaston here today.

Warwickshire's innings was a patchwork affair, colourful in parts and threadbare in others. Top scorers were the county's two amateurs, Michael Smith (55) and turbaned Swarnjit Singh (41 not out).

Smith, last time's captain of Oxford University, showed fine concentration in batting for over two hours while wickets were tumbling at the other end. Singh, Cambridge University's Indian all-rounder from the Punjab, brought a ray of hope to the final batting with a mixture of cultured and rustic strokes.

Smith was playing in his last cricket match of the season. At the week-end he flies to Buenos Aires to join his rugby colleagues of Oxford and Cambridge who are on a playing tour of Argentina.

Australia's most successful bowler was leg spinner Ritchie Benaud, who took five wickets for 44 to register his best analysis of the tour.

At one stage Benaud threatened to wreck the county's innings when he sent the total slumping from 63 for one to 122 for six. Well though he bowled on a patch which gave him little help, Benaud was battered by batsmen who failed to get to the pitch of the ball and allowed themselves to be forced on the defensive.

The Australians' batting during the last hour and 40 minutes provided little excitement for the 20,000 spectators.

Jim Burke and Jack Rutherford spent 75 minutes over 35 runs and then the unlucky Rutherford, who seems unable to strike form, was beaten by a ball from Singh which took the off stump and Neil Harvey safely played out time.—Reuters.

South China Humbles Singapore Civilians With A 2-0 Win

Singapore, Aug. 8.

Hongkong's South China soccer team beat a strong Singapore Civilians XI by two goals to nil before a crowd of 5,000 at the Jalan Besar Stadium tonight.

South China, who returned to Singapore this morning after a successful series of exhibition soccer games in Medan, led 1-0 at half time.

Despite soggy ground conditions caused by a sudden tropical shower, South China players had spectators on their feet by their excellent ball control and positional play.

The visitors were also much faster than their opponents, particularly the wingers Chu Win-wah and Mok Chum-wah.

Left-wing Mok Chum-wah, scored South China's first goal in the fifth minute of the game during a free kick at the Singapore goalmouth.

Centre-forward Yiu Chuek-yin had crashed a rising shot that hit the upright and dropped into play. Mok pounced on the ball and slammed it past Singapore goalkeeper Loh Took-teng.

MISSED PENALTY. Three minutes later, Mok was tripped in the penalty area but

right-winger Chu Wing-wah missed the spot kick.

After the interval, South China replaced Chu Wing-wah with Yeung Wai-tao.

Shortly after the resumption, Singapore was awarded a penalty but failed to score.

South China's second goal came in the 57th minute of the game when Mok Chum-wah intercepted a pass from the right and slammed the ball home at point blank range after outwitting a Singapore defender.

South China is expected to leave on Friday for Selangor to play three games before returning to Hongkong.—Reuters.

Twenty-Eight Competitors For Channel Swim

London, Aug. 8.

Twenty-two swimmers from various countries, including Sweden, Denmark, India and the United States are training at present at Folkestone for the Bill Butlin "Channel Marathon," due to start from Cap Gris Nez on Sunday evening.

The Egyptian swimmers, including last year's winner, Abdel Latif Abou Heli, have been barred from the cross Channel race by its organisers, holiday camp king Butlin, because of the Suez Canal crisis.

A total of 28 swimmers are due to take part. 19 men and nine women.

India is represented by Mihir Sen, 27-year-old Calcutta lawyer, who abandoned during last year's marathon after swimming for 11 1/2 hours.

The winner of the race receives a cup worth 1,000 guineas and the first man and woman each receive a cash prize of £500.—France-Press.

Sports

Conference In Peking

London, Aug. 9.

A North Vietnamese sports delegation, led by physical culturist Mr. Tran Chi-hien arrived in Peking yesterday for a sports conference at the invitation of the Chinese Physical Culture and Sports Commission, the New China News Agency, reported today.

The four-member delegation, together with delegates representing North Korea, Outer Mongolia and Communist China, will attend a conference opening in Peking from August 10 to 14 to discuss the improvement of sports ties among the four countries.—Reuters.

LADIES' LEAGUE STANDINGS

Standings to date in the Ladies' Lawn Bowls League are as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	U	D	Pts.
KDC	8	4	0	2	210	120	80	-	12
USRC	8	0	0	2	188	114	74	-	12
Takoo Club	7	0	0	2	165	120	39	-	10
KGCC	7	0	0	2	152	120	32	-	10
KCC "Green"	8	4	0	4	159	145	24	-	8
KCC "Red"	8	4	0	4	156	142	14	-	8
CCC "Yellow"	8	4	0	4	145	165	-	-	8
Philippine Club	8	2	0	6	120	183	-	-	57
KCC "White"	7	1	0	6	129	188	-	-	90
Police R.C.	8	1	0	7	102	224	-	-	122



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EDEN BROADCASTS ON SUEZ

Reasons For British Concern Over Canal Seizure FULL TEXT OF SPEECH

London, Aug. 8.

Sir Anthony Eden, in his nationwide broadcasting to-
night, said the Suez Canal was a name familiar to everyone.

"I have come to talk to you
tonight about what has
happened there in the last few
days and what it means to us.

"You, or perhaps some mem-
bers of your family, have served
there. There may be one of
you or more have helped to
defend the Canal in one or other
of the two great wars.

"For Britain the Canal has
always been the main artery to
and from the Commonwealth
bringing to us the supplies we
need.

"For many other nations
throughout the world it has be-
come the lifeline of the traffic in
ever growing volume. The
world commerce depends upon it.
It carries goods of all kinds for
Europe and America, for Aus-
tralia and New Zealand and for
Eastern countries like Pakistan
and India and Ceylon.

"It is in fact the greatest
international waterway in the
world and what Colonel Nasser
has just done is to seize it for his
own ends. Nobody should be
surprised that this has created a
very grave situation.

Selfish Action

"The whole trend in the
world today is against taking
selfish action for purely na-
tional needs. Hitherto the
Canal has been international.
It was guaranteed by an inter-
national agreement signed by
many countries in 1888. All
which it has operated with
great efficiency in the interests
of world shipping.

"It has been at the service
of all nations.

"True, it runs through Egypt,
but it is not vital to Egypt as it
is to other countries in all parts
of the world. Through it travels
today about half the oil without
which the industry of this coun-
try, of Western Europe, of
Scandinavia and many other
countries could not keep going.

"This is a matter of life and
death to us all. Let me explain
to you why.

"A great part of our indus-
try, and that in other Western
lands too, is today run on oil.
Without it machinery and much
of our transport would grind to
a halt for we have come to rely
more and more on oil for power.

"Our industry and our ex-
ports depend upon it.

"Here, therefore, is something
which concerns every home in
this land and not in this land
alone.

"Now you may ask: Is there
some alternative to the Canal?

"Yes. There is an alterna-
tive, an alternative route round
the Cape, but this would add
enormously to the length of the
voyage and the cost of trans-
port. Nor are the world's ship-
ping resources enough to main-
tain supplies at the level we
need if we have to go all that
way.

"The fact is that is just why
the Canal was built 90 years ago.
It may be said: Why is it so
terrible to nationalise a com-
pany? It was done here. That
is perfectly true, but it was
done, as Mr Morrison rightly
pointed out in the House of
Commons, to our own British
industry.

"Colonel Nasser's action is
entirely different. He has taken
over the international company
without consultation and with-
out consent.

"The rights of this company
were secured by repeated,
solemn agreements entered
into by the Egyptian Govern-
ment. There are in fact a
whole series of them—to fill a
book. The last was only
concluded some two months
ago. Some people say Colonel
Nasser promised not to inter-
fere with shipping passing
through the Canal. Why there-
fore don't we trust him?

"On the contrary we made
agreements with him. We hoped
he wanted to improve the con-
ditions of life of his people and to
be friends with this country.
He told us he wanted a new
epoch in Anglo-Egyptian rela-
tions.

"We welcomed that, but
instead of making us, with
friendship, Colonel Nasser con-
ducted a vicious propaganda
campaign against our country.
He has shown he is not a man

who can be trusted to keep an
agreement. And now he has
turned up all his country's promises
towards the Suez Canal Com-
pany and he has even gone back
on his own statement.

"Not so long ago he was
speaking in praise of the com-
pany. He told them how
satisfied he was with them and
how in a night they have been
taken over by force and their
assets seized. By Egyptian
law the company's employees,
French and British, were order-
ed to stay at work under
threat of imprisonment, the
pattern is familiar to many of
us, my friends.

"So, my friends, the alter-
natives are now clear to see.
If we all join together to
create an international system
for the Canal and spend its
revenues as they should be
spent, to develop it rapidly, that
can bring growing prosperity to
East and West alike—countries
that produce the oil and coun-
tries which buy it.

"There will be wealth for all
to share, including Egypt.
There is no question of deny-
ing her a fair deal or a just re-
turn. But if anyone is going to
snatch and grab and try to
pocket what really belongs to the
world, the result will be im-
poverishment for all, and re-
fusal by some countries at least
to lead their lives at such a
hazard.

"Meanwhile, we have too
much at risk not to take precau-
tions. We have gone so.

"That is the meaning of the
movements by land, sea and air
of which you have heard in the
last few days.

"My friends, we do not seek
a solution by force, but the
broadest possible international
agreement.

"That is why we have called
the conference. We shall do
all we can to help this work.
But this I must make plain.
We cannot agree that an act of
plunder which threatens the
livelihood of many nations will
be allowed to succeed and we
must make sure that the lives
of the great trading nations of
the world cannot, in the future,
be strangled at any moment by
some interruption of the free
passage of the Canal.

"These are our intentions. I
am sure they will command your
support. Goodnight."—Reuter.

"We all know it is how
Fascist governments behave and
we all remember only too well
what the cost can be in giving
in to Fascism. But that is not
all. If the Canal is to do its job
its capacity to carry the traffic
must be increased and much
money spent upon it. The
Company have been building up
reserves for this purpose and
they will all be needed. And
what does Colonel Nasser say?

"Oh, he tells us, he must take
over the company because he
wants to use its monies to build
the Aswan Dam. This means
simply he is seizing the re-
sources of the international
company to further his own
national scheme.

"This at a time when he is
already spending all the re-
sources he can get hold of to buy
arms. See how the bills mount
up. Just look that the compen-
sation to the company which he
has promised to pay would cost
£70 million; the Aswan Dam
which he has promised to build
would cost £400 million.

"His arms shipments, the
only things that are being paid
for at present, would cost scores
of millions too.

"We agreed with the Ameri-
cans

"But there is something much
more important than all this
at stake. If Col. Nasser's
action were to succeed each
one of us would be at the mercy
of one man for the supplies
upon which we live. We
could never accept that. With
dictators you always have to
pay a higher price later on—
for their appetite grows with
feeding.

"Just now Colonel Nasser is
soft-peddling. His threats are
being modified, but how can we
be sure that the next time he
has a quarrel with any country
he won't interfere with that na-
tion's shipping or that next time
he is short of money he won't
raise the dues on the ships that
pass through the Canal?

"If he is given a chance, of
course he will. I have shown
you how deeply the Canal con-
cerns us and other countries
have a close interest too.

"We have had a good response
to our invitations for the meet-
ing on August 16. Already 18
countries have accepted, none
have refused.

"It is confident that the con-
ference can produce a work-
able scheme for the future of the
Canal within the limits which I
have explained.

"It is just that the Canal
must be run efficiently and
kept open, as it always has been
in the past as a free and secure
international waterway for the
ships of all nations.

"It must be run in the
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WORLD'S FIRST 'COLD HOUSE'

Copenhagen, Aug. 8.

Preparations are being made in Copenhagen's Botanical Gardens to erect what is believed to be the world's first "cold house" for the study of Arctic flora.

The building will be next to a conventional palm house. But instead of heat being used to cultivate the exotic flora of the tropics, a sort of giant refrigerator will be used to keep temperatures just below freezing in winter and a maximum of 65 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit in summer.

Almost as important as controlling temperature is to deceive the plants, which flourish so abundantly in the short Arctic summer, about the light.

Greenland plants will be a specialty. In a "land of the midnight sun" during the height of summer with light for 24 hours a day. So, the more southerly latitude of Denmark, the day will be artificially lengthened in the cold house by switching on fluorescent lighting when the sun goes down.

In winter, when it is dark for 24 hours a day in Greenland, the opposite problem arises. The plants down into the cellar below the cold house.

Copenhagen, University Institute of Biology estimate the cost of the project at about £12,500 sterling. The American Rockefeller Foundation has granted £6,000 sterling towards the cost and Danish foundations will provide the rest.

Outwardly the cold house will look like an ordinary glass house, with double glazing. It is expected that the floor area will be 88 square yards and the most expensive item will be the cooling equipment to control the temperature.

This, incidentally, by scraping the pipes of the installation should provide enough "snow" to cover the plants in the winter. The botanists concerned at least hope that, supplemented by local snowfalls, they will not have to import snow from colder latitudes.

The cold house is the brain child of two Copenhagen University botanists, Professor Tyge Boecher and Professor

Thorvald Soerensen, both of whom have made botanical ex-
peditions to Greenland.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK RAILWAY LOVER

THE trouble with George seems to be that he has not outgrown the longing to be an engine-driver that most men remember from boyhood, and most boys seem prone to still, despite the attractions of space-ships and jets and the nationalisation of the railways.

George has carried his footplate longings into manhood, and at quiet times perhaps believes that he is, indeed, the man that he wishes to be. For he wears an old cap with a shiny peak, that might have acquired its grime and grease on the footplate, and with him he carries about a roll of vivid green material, the shade of the flag with which a railway guard gives his driver the go-ahead.

THE other night, in the smoky mystery of the locomotive sheds in Canton Town, George came very close to living the part that he longed to play. A fitter, checking an engine, saw him first, and took him to be a labourer, for George was walking around another locomotive, tapping it gently here and there with a hammer. As George seemed to be doing no great damage, and might even be doing some good, the fitter let him be. But a few seconds later a whistling scream of escaping steam announced that George had carried his explorations a step further.

A CHASE
THE fitter rushed towards the engine from which the sound came. To his horror he saw it was one that had on a full head of steam, had the brakes not been on, the engine would have careered from the sheds. On its footplate, with one hand on the regulator, looking as if he were wondering what to do next, stood George.

George caught sight of the advancing fitter, jumped off the engine and ran. The fitter gave chase and caught him. Next morning at Clerkenwell, George was charged with trespassing on railway property.

HE MIGHT HAVE...
"I WAS quite willing to go away," he said, "they detained me."
That was taken as a plea of not guilty, and the fitter who had discovered William went into the witness-box, and told what he had seen and heard the night before.

Letting the steam out like that might have killed someone," he said, "it would have blown the head off anyone in the way."
He stood down, and George's turn came to speak. "Don't see I did anything wrong," he said. "I just walked in. No one challenged me."

That was all his defence, and the case was found proved. "Anything known?" asked the magistrate, Mr E. G. Robey.

REMAND
"THERE are ten previous convictions," said a policeman. "They are all for larceny, or taking and driving away." He did not specify the vehicles. George had taken and driven away without their owners' consent.

"I shall remand you for a week in custody for a mental and medical report," said the magistrate to George. "Oh, not in custody," George pleaded. "I only came out Saturday."

A week later, George came back, and the magistrate read the doctors' report which accompanied him. He turned to George. "I'm going to discharge you conditionally," he said. George nodded and went, still nursing carefully the roll of green material. It might be safer in future to buy a platform ticket and a whistle and play at being a railway guard.

"Operation Nursery" Begins Today

London, Aug. 8.
Hundreds of British wives and families of civilian technicians manning installations at the Suez Canal zone base will begin flying home tomorrow in a special airlift, it was announced here tonight.

Sir John M. Duncanson, Chairman of Suez Contractors (Services), the organisation maintaining former British military installations in the base, said up to 900 people would be involved in the airlift. It would be known as "Operation Nursery."

The first aircraft was due to arrive at London Airport tomorrow, he said. Sir John Duncanson said: "In carrying out this precautionary measure we are not issuing orders to our people but allowing them the option of deciding whether wives and children should be temporarily parted from their husbands."

However, in view of the general situation, we are advising our people to send their families home."

Sir John Duncanson said the airlift should be completed within 10 days. About 600 men and 200 nurses would be left behind at the three main British civilian bases in the zone.

He added: "All reports from the base stress that everything is calm and quiet. Many of the families are reluctant to leave but their husbands feel that it is better in everyone's interest to have them safely installed in the United Kingdom."

Reinforcements

London, Aug. 8
British reinforcements of troops and equipment for the Mediterranean will continue to head for the troubled area until August 18, well informed sources disclosed today.

Between August 5 and August 18, the British Government will have sent six battalions of infantry, one brigade of armoured cars, two brigades of heavy artillery, three light and two heavy anti-aircraft brigades and a mixed aircraft group, composed of 48 Sea Venom jet fighters and 120 Canberra medium bombers.

In addition, a large group of Canberra medium bombers flew to Malta on August 2. All the troops are being transported by three aircraft carriers, requisitioned freighters, and an "aerial ferry" composed of long-range Britannia, Viking, Hermes and Tudor transport planes. Two hundred planes have been put at the disposal of the Transport Ministry for the airlift, which will begin at dawn on August 10.

Egyptian Assets

Geneva, Aug. 8.
Britain and France have made representations to Switzerland regarding Egyptian financial operations through Swiss banks, a well-informed source stated here today.

The British and French Ambassadors have had talks at the Swiss Legation in Bern, Switzerland, with the Swiss Foreign Minister, Max Petit-Pierre.

The two ambassadors drew M. Petit-Pierre's attention to the extent of the control measures taken in London against Egyptian assets, and the British Ambassador, Sir Lionel Lamb, pointed out that Britain considered that Egyptian financial activities through the intermediary of Swiss banks was "not particularly friendly."

Since the Swiss Federal Councilors are at present on vacation, it is not considered likely that any immediate decision would be taken regarding the problem, and it is expected that Switzerland would await the outcome of the London conference on August 16 before taking any final steps.

Radio Hongkong

11.15 p.m. Time Signal and Program Summary: 6.05. Stock Market Report: 6.10. Join in "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" and "The House that Jack Built" (BBC's). 6.20. Fortunes Hour: 7. Variety Highlights: 7.30. Thursday Scrapbook. A magazine entertainment for most ages in which there is music of a sort, meetings with interesting people, various problems in sound, a manner of trivia for your distraction: 7.50. Weather Report: 8. Time Signal and the News: 8.05. Entertainment or Stern: 8.10. The Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, speaking on the Suez Canal Situation (re-recorded). 8.30. Eastern Music for Western Ears: 8.45. Fred Astaire sings some of his film successes. 9.15. At the Opera: "Cavalier Suite" Act 2 (Modest K. 558). Principals: Tomislav Chorus. Orchestra: 9.20. Conducted by Joseph Dunnwald: 10.20 (approx.). Interlude: 10.30. Latin Nights. Ray Martin and his Orchestra. Morris Parameo and his Orchestra: 10.50. Weather Report: 11. Time Signal Radio News: 11.15. Goodnight Music: 11.20. Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Calls the Tune: 2. Romantic Cycles: "After the Ball" by Jacques Offenbach. Based on Oscar Wilde's "Lady Windermere's Fan": 3.30. Novelties: 4. Romances of the World—Lady Hamilton: 4.45. The Time Rendezvous: 4.50. Vocally Yours: 5. Children's Corner: Presented by Annabel Panella: 5.30. Teen Time: Presented by Betty Souza: 6. Tropics: 6.25. Birthday Mailbag: 6.30. Songs of the Islands: 7. Pantomime: 7.45. Starkey: 7.55. World's Harman and the Third Hard: 7.55. "The Final Year"—The Story of a Mother's Courage: 8. Time Signal and the News: 8.05. Weather Report, Announcements and Interlude: 8.15. Sir Anthony Eden's Report on the Suez Canal (re-recorded). Reception conditions permitting: 8.30. Calling Miss Courtneidge: 8.40. Circus Courtneidge: 8.50. The Workshop at Noon—The Life Story of Franz Liszt: 9.00. The Continental: 10.30. Old Time Ballroom—With Sidney Thompson and his Orchestra: 11.00. Prelude to Midnight: 11.15. "God Save the Queen": Close Down.

MAKES DOUBLE PAYMENT

Tokyo, Aug. 8.
A Japanese shipping company today announced that it made the first known double payment of Suez Canal dues for one of its vessels yesterday.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I haven't been idle a day during our vacation—it's bridge, the beach, the hairdresser's or movies!"

Stevenson Annoys Southerners

Chicago, Aug. 8.
Southern delegates gathering here today for the national Democratic convention attacked Mr. Adlai Stevenson, leading candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, for his stand against racial segregation.

The angry southerners condemned Mr. Stevenson's support yesterday of the United States Supreme Court's decision outlawing racial segregation in public schools. His statement, the southerners said, "was like a bolt of lightning."

SITUATION CHANGED

Most of the southern delegates had previously expressed their intention of voting for Mr. Stevenson.

"Now the whole situation will have to be reappraised," Governor James P. Coleman of Mississippi said. He added that he and other southern delegates did not wish to leave the Democratic Party, but he made it clear to reporters that the group intended to keep the Democratic platform from endorsing the segregation decision of the Supreme Court.

WALK-OUT DANGER

Senator Sam Ervin of North Carolina told reporters he thought delegates from his State would not walk out on the Party though some southern states might. Any large walk-out, he said, could cost Mr. Stevenson the nomination.

Mr. John S. Bell, chairman of the Georgia Democratic Committee, said: "I shall not now cast my vote for Mr. Stevenson. He committed a stupid blunder which ultimately may well deny to him and to the Democratic Party victory in the presidential campaign."

MASSACRE THREAT

Damascus, Aug. 8.
Abdul Rahman el Baker, secretary general of the Bahrain "Supreme National Movement", said today that the Bahrain people "would massacre all Britons in the protectorate and destroy British oil installations should Britain participate in military action against Egypt."

He told a press conference the Bahrain nationalist movement aimed at unification of the Persian Gulf Emirates with eventual participation in an Egyptian-Syrian Federation, when such is realised.

Boy's Fatal Fall

St. Louis, Aug. 8.
A five-year-old Egyptian boy was killed near here yesterday in a fall down a steep slope.

MARSHALL BACK

Mr. David Marshall, former Chief Minister of Singapore, arrived back from Japan this morning by Pan American Airways. He will be advised to the Singapore Trade Mission when it goes to Communist China later this month.

Murder Charge: A Further Remand

Quik Phn-chee, 30-year-old Malayan-born Chinese, charged with the murder of the Hongkong barrister, Mr. A. J. Clifford, was remanded for two days in Police custody by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

Det. Inspector J. Howarth applied for the remand.

After granting the application, the Magistrate instructed a Malayan interpreter to tell the accused of the remand.

(At the first hearing three days ago, Quik, who spoke English, had asked the Court for a Malayan interpreter.)

When this was done, Quik nodded and raised his hand in acknowledgment.

Quik was accused of stabbing Mr. Clifford in Des Voeux Road Central, outside the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, last Saturday.

The Courtroom was filled with spectators.

Aged Woman Killed

A private car knocked down and seriously injured a 68-year-old Chinese woman in Yam Chau Street at 6 p.m. yesterday.

The pedestrian, Yeung Yan, of No. 185 E Block, Li Cheung Uk Village, succumbed to her injuries after admission to Kowloon Hospital.

A 66-year-old woman, Leung Suei-ye, was knocked down and seriously injured by a motor-cycle in Nathan Road at 9.17 a.m. yesterday. The woman, an employee of the Kowloon Public Mortuary, Waterloo Road, is now receiving treatment in Kowloon Hospital.

A private car hit an eight-year-old Chinese boy in Queen's Road West, near Hill Road at 8.15 p.m. yesterday. The boy, Leo Ling-sun, of 24, Hill Road, ground floor, sustained serious injuries and is now detained in hospital for treatment.

Mail Notices

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 10
By Air
Thailand, Ceylon, Burma, India, 6 a.m.
Germany, 10 a.m.
Poland, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, 11 a.m.
Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, 11 a.m.
Ghana, U.S.A., 2 p.m.
Formosa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
East Africa, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.

By Surface
China, Peoples Republic, 7 a.m.
Australia, 11 a.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Italy, Great Britain, Europe, direct, 11 a.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
A 60 Africa parcels via Lagos, Gold Coast, parcels via Takoradi, 2 p.m.
Indo-China, 2 p.m.
Thailand, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11
By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kuning, 6 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, N. Borneo, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, Noon.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Malaya, U.S.A., Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.

By Surface
China, Peoples Republic, 7 a.m.
Australia, 11 a.m.
Indo-China, 11 a.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, 2 p.m.
Japan, Canada, 3 p.m.
India, U.S.A., 3 p.m.
Indonesia, 4 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 4 p.m.
Korea, 4 p.m.
A 60 Africa P. East Africa, A. Marquies, Argentina (P/R direct), 5 p.m.
China, Peoples Republic, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

LOCAL NEWS

Very soon now a big record name will change hands. A local company has been producing three kinds of 18 rpm discs, most of them very popular numbers, and now the word is that the control of the company is going to pass to an out-of-town concern.

This will not mean that Hongkong will cease to be a producing centre as far as records are concerned, but it does mean that one most amiable individual, who has been connected with recorded music in the Colony for almost as long as I can remember will be severing connections with the business. It is a shame and I wish him well. At the same time I hope the people who take over have the same right and bright ideas as he had.

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